

JAN 30 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS BOTH THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL
EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
A PERCENTAGE OF THE COSTS OF INTRAVENOUS KETAMINE THERAPY
TO TREAT DEPRESSION.

1 WHEREAS, the State has a duty to protect and improve the
2 health and environment of the people; and

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4 WHEREAS, a number of state residents suffer from various
5 mental health illnesses; and

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7 WHEREAS, according to an article published in Current
8 Neuropharmacology, the use of ketamine is a valid antidepressant
9 option for the treatment of treatment-resistant depression and
10 has rapid antidepressant effects; and

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12 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. of the Thirty-Third
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii proposes to require insurance
14 coverage for intravenous ketamine therapy; and

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16 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised
17 Statutes, before any legislative measure that mandates health
18 insurance coverage for specific health services, specific
19 diseases, or certain providers of health care services as part
20 of individual or group health insurance policies can be
21 considered, concurrent resolutions shall be passed requesting
22 the Auditor to prepare and submit to the Legislature a report
23 that assesses both the social and financial effects of the
24 proposed mandated coverage; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
28 that the Auditor is requested to assess, pursuant to section 23-
29 51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, both the social and financial
30 effects of the proposed mandated health insurance coverage under
31 Senate Bill No. of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State
32 of Hawaii, which requires insurance coverage for a percentage of
33 the costs of intravenous ketamine therapy to treat depression;
34 and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
3 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
4 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
5 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
6 of 2026; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Insurance
10 Commissioner.
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OFFERED BY:

Kurt Ferrelh

